THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Coca Cola Company has not sought any amendment to its application. The company has, however, indicated that it would consider additional commitments to India consisting of sourcing of its import requirements and transfer of technology in the processing of fruit should its application be approved.

(c) Does not arise.

**Holding of Clerical Grade Examination by Banking Service Recruitment Boards.**

402. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various Banking Service Recruitment Boards are holding clerical grade examination in various parts of the country on a single date, i.e. the 25th June, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to instruct various Banking Service Recruitment Boards to change the dates suitably so as to accommodate maximum number of candidates in each zone for appearing in the examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) As per the available information, some Banking Service Recruitment Boards have fixed common date, namely 25th June, 1989 for holding the clerical grade examinations. The suggestion made in part (c) of the question is being looked into.

**Appointments in the Nationalised Banks on the basis of bogus Scheduled Caste certificates**

403. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been cases in which bogus Scheduled Caste certificates were used for getting employment in nationalised banks during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected and action taken in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) As per available information, as on 31.12.1987, in 175 cases it was alleged that employment had been sought in nationalised banks on the basis of alleged bogus caste/tribe certificates. Of these final action had been taken in respect of 19 cases, resulting in termination of services in 10 cases. Complaints have been lodged with the police against six persons. The remaining cases were reported to be either under investigation or were subject matter of litigation in various courts of law.

**Leave of Forest Lands**

404. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of wood-based industrial concerns have sought for the lease of large chunk of forest lands to meet their raw material requirements;

(b) if so, what is the policy of Government to pass on the control of material resources to the private hands; and

(c) in case Government accord permission for lease of forest lands, what is Government's policy in regard to the rights of the tribals who, are dependent on forest lands for ages?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) National Forest Policy, 1988 envisages the following regarding raising of raw materials for forest based industries:—

(1) As far as possible, a forest-based industry should raise the raw

material needed for meeting its own requirements, preferable by establishment of a direct relationship between the factory and the individuals who can grow the raw material by supporting the individuals with inputs including credit, constant technical advice and finally harvesting and transport services.

(2) Natural forests serve as a gene pool resource and help to maintain ecological balance. Such forests will not, therefore, be made available to industries for undertaking plantation and for any other activities.

**Insurance policy**

405. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that insurance policy does not cover any compensation for death or injury resulting from nuclear radiation; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government for such inclusion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) It is an universal practice to exclude any loss, injury or damage arising from nuclear and ionising radiation under general insurance policies. However, general insurance companies issue, on demand, special contingency policies covering only employees of factories, etc. for accidental death or injury resulting only from X-Ray/Gamma Rays radiation and no other risks.

In the case of life insurance policies, there is, however, no such exclusion.

**Infiltration from Bangladesh**

406. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether of late, there has been large scale infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into the States of Tripura, Assam, West Bengal and Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what preventive steps Government have taken or propose to take to check such large scale infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government are aware that infiltration takes place through Bangladesh border. Information regarding the number of persons apprehended on Indo-Bangladesh bord during the year 1988 and 1989 (up to February) is furnished in the attached statement (*See* below). Bihar does not have international border with Bangladesh.

(c) The BSF have been strengthened as also more border outposts and Observation Post Towers, sophisticated equipments, vehicles etc. provided to increase vigilance on Indo-Bangladesh border.